

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NEW DE 05306 132143Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00
DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 MC-02
ACDA-07 /061 W
-----140603Z 060222 /10

R 131224Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2691
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 5306

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TECH, IN, US
SUBJECT: INDIA PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ANDERSON STORY ON THE
REPROCESSING A-7 ISSUE

REF: STATE 81515

1. THE DELHI PRESS ON APRIL 13 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO JACK ANDERSON'S STORY ON THE REPROCESSING/A-7 ISSUE. UNDER THE TITLE, "KISSINGER "BRIBE" TO BAR PINDI MAKING N-ARMS", M.V. KAMATH, THE "TIMES OF INDIA" WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, REPEATED MUCH OF THE ANDERSON ARTICLE. IN ADDITION, KAMATH STATED: "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, HOWEVER, HAS AGREED TO RELEASE SOME SPARE PARTS FOR HARDWARE PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED, WHICH COULD ACTIVATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT". (THIS IS PRESUMABLE A REFERENCE TO THE REFIT OF PAKISTANI TANKS IN IRAN.)

2. THE OFFICIAL NEW AGENCY, SAMACHAR, ALSO PICKED UP THE ANDERSON STORY, AND ITS DESPATCH WAS CARRIED BY SEVERAL DELHI PAPERS. GOING BEYOND THE ANDERSON PIECE, THE "STATESMAN" WROTE: "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION RECENTLY APPROVED SHIPMENT OF CERTAIN MILITARY ITEMS TO PAKISTAN SAYING THAT THE SUPPLIES HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE FORD ADMINISTRATIN. NO DECISION HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE CARTER GOVT ON THE SALE OF THE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NEW DE 05306 132143Z

110 A-7 ATTACK PLANES SOUGHT BY PAKISTAN".

3. COMMENT: THE ANDERSON STORY MAY ONCE AGAIN FOCUS INDIAN ATTENTION ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT PAKISTAN MAY SOMEHOW ACQUIRE A-7S, A STEP THE GOI REGARDS AS DANGEROUSLY INIMICAL TO INDIAN INTERESTS. THE NEW GOVT IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE ARMS TRANSFER PROCESS AND MUST LEARN ANEW THAT THESE WIDELY PUBLICIZED REPORTS

DO NOT INVARIABLY SPELL A THREAT TO INDIAN SECURITY. UNTIL THE
NEW POLITICAL MASTERS OF INDIA CAN PUT THE MATTER INTO PERSPECTIVE,
THEY WILL REGARD SUCH REPORTS WITH CONSIDERABLE CONCERN.

SCHNEIDER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, NUCLEAR FUELS, NUCLEAR REACTORS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 13-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977NEWDE05306
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770129-0246
Format: TEL
From: NEW DELHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770462/aaaacbjd.tel
Line Count: 67
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: d85535a6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 81515
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2821389
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INDIA PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ANDERSON STORY ON THE REPROCESSING A-7 ISSUE
TAGS: TECH, SOPN, IN, US, (ANDERSON, JACK)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/d85535a6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009